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headquarters of which I have any knowledge and its location in Chkalov, midway between the Orsk area, where there were eight POW camps, and Kuibyshev made the troops of this headquarters available to a wide area and for several different purposes.

4. From what I could learn, convoy troops at the Chkalov headquarters were organized in companies which contained about 200 or 220 men each and each company was commanded by one captain and four sergeants. These soldiers came from all over the USSR and were part of the regular Soviet Army. I do not know how many convoy troops were stationed in Chkalov and they did not have any special identification.
5. The regular camp guards at the Maksay POW camp were convoy troops supplied by the convoy headquarters in Chkalov and each month a new company arrived to relieve the guards on duty. I do not believe that these were specially trained soldiers for guards because each new company that came in received instructions as to how to guard prisoners. Most of these convoy troops were young recruits and I do not believe they were rotated from guard and convoy duty to front line duty during the actual war [World War II].
6. There were no special rules or procedures for guarding the prisoners at Maksay. The number of guards depended on how many prisoners were assigned to the different work parties and also on the landscape where the work parties were sent. For example, if the area for the work party included fences and was open, there might be only four guards whereas if the landscape was not very clear and there were no fences, there might be 20 or more guards with dogs. The guards usually marched with the work units or rode in trucks with them.
7. Most [redacted] assignments [redacted] involved driving a truck and on many occasions, [redacted] without any guards. On train trips to Kuibyshev, one guard usually went [redacted] me but made no special effort to stay very close to [redacted] other prisoners. Many of the prisoners, [redacted] realized that there might be an opportunity to escape from the guards, but the chances of reaching Germany from the Orsk area were very, very slight. We all knew that many had tried and failed and we had seen on many occasions the torture that captured escapees were put through if they were not shot or beaten to death at the time of their capture. One of the favorite forms of punishment was to put the captured prisoners to work in stone quarries where they were only given one meal a day and were forced to remain in the quarry until prisoners usually died.
8. [redacted] there were no armed Soviet guards or convoy troops on the train although there were six unarmed Soviet soldiers on the train who accompanied our transport until our train reached the German border. Their purpose was to guard the released prisoners against any kind of danger from the outside.
9. I did not ever hear or see any group of prisoners referred to as "suki" or "platnoye." I never heard the word "platnoye" or "blatnoye" although there was a group of prisoners known as "platniki" who were the carpenters. "Platniki" means carpenter.
10. I do not know of any group of the Soviet people who might offer resistance to the Soviet regime although I had the impression that many of the Soviet people that I met and saw were very unhappy and did not like the government. If I had tried to escape, I think I would have found the most help from the older generation who were in most cases very nice to the German POWs.

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11. There were eight POW camps in the Orsk area and there was an "information grapevine" loosely linking the prisoners in one camp with the prisoners in another camp in that area. However, this grapevine was not organized and it did not involve any special group of prisoners. When prisoners met on work parties in various industrial installations in the Orsk area, they talked and exchanged experiences but I did not have any knowledge of what was going on in the other POW camps, particularly outside of the Orsk area, except for what I learned from someone from one of these outside camps who might be transferred to our camp. In this respect, there was no constant linking together of information from one POW camp to another via the grapevine.

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